

prevention, and to reverse the effect of global warming. Being a grass, bamboo regenerates without replanting after harvesting.

Traditional hardwood lumber trees such as oak, maple, and birch take 40-50 years to regenerate. In the meantime, there is less oxygen produced, less carbon dioxide consumed and more soil runoff in the spot where those trees were harvested – all producing negative environmental effects. Our planet is suffering from resource depletion, habitat loss, extinction of species and ecosystem pollution. The choice of bamboo as a building material will greatly help reverse those negative trends.

1.1. Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (1x8=8 Marks)

- a. According to NASA reports, there has been a loss of _____ over the Arctic.
- b. Use of bamboo is gaining momentum because _____.
- c. The greatest advantage of bamboo is that _____.
- d. Traditional hardwood lumber trees _____.
- e. 'More soil runoff in the spot' means _____.
- f. The antonym of the word 'reliable' is _____.
- g. The problems troubling the earth are _____.
- h. The author is promoting _____.
- i. Traditional hardwood trees take _____ to regenerate.

2. Read the following passage carefully.

Our opportunities are great but let me warn you that when power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil ways. We should develop competency and ability which would help us utilise the opportunities which are now open to us. From tomorrow morning – from midnight today – we cannot throw the blame on the Britishers. We have to assume the responsibility ourselves for what we do. A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matters of food, clothing, shelter and social activities. Unless we root out corruption in high places and root out every trace of nepotism, love of power, profiteering and black marketing which have spoiled the good name of this country in recent times, we will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency in administration as well as in the production and distribution of the necessary goods of life.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru referred to the great contribution which this country will make to the promotion of world peace and the welfare of mankind. The chakra, the Ashokan wheel, which is there in the flag embodies for us a great idea so dear to Ashoka, the greatest of our emperors. Look at the words of H.G. Wells about him – 'Highnesses, Magnificences, Excellences, Serenities, Majesties'. Among them all, he shines alone a star, Ashoka the greatest of all monarchs. He cut into rock his message for the healing of discords. If there are differences, the way in which you can solve them is by promoting concord. Concord is the only way by which you can get rid of differences. There is no other method which is open to us.

We are lucky in having for our leader, one who is a world citizen, who is essentially a humanist, who possesses a buoyant optimism and robust good sense in spite of the perversity of things and the hostility of human affairs. We believe that if India gains freedom, that freedom will be used not merely for the well-being of India but for Vishva Kalyana, world peace, the welfare of mankind.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer any four of the following questions briefly. (2x4=8 Marks)

- a. When do we fall on evil days?
- b. How will a free India be judged?
- c. What did Jawaharlal refer to?
- d. What will India use its freedom for?
- e. How can the problem of differences among people be solved?

2.2. Fill in any two of the following blanks. (1x2=2 Marks)

- a. We will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency unless _____
- b. Emperor Ashoka cut into rocks _____
- c. We should develop competency and ability to _____

2.3. Attempt any two. Find out the words that mean the same as the following. (1x2=2 Marks)

- a. to go much faster (Paragraph 1)
- b. favouritism (Paragraph 1)
- c. harmony (Paragraph 2)

Section B – Writing & Grammar (30 Marks)

3. You bought a mobile phone from Electronics India, Gurgaon. But it has developed a problem. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager asking for repair or replacement of the same. You are Sadhna/ Sunil of 126, Nehru Nagar, Gurgaon. (8 Marks)

OR

You are Aryan/Archita, the Sports In charge of Modern Public School, Ghaziabad. Place an order to Chawla Sports, New Delhi for some sports articles required for your school. (8 Marks)

4. Write a story in about 200-250 words based on the input given below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10 Marks)

It was Saturday. Veena got up late as it was her habit. Both her parents had gone to the office. As she was preparing breakfast, she remembered that.....

OR

There was a young girl who wished to see the world. She wanted to observe new things. She told her mother about her wish. Her mother promised that they would go to a hill station. Next Sunday they set out on their journey. On their way.....

5. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write any four of the missing words along with the word that comes before it and that comes after it.

(1x4=4 Marks)

- (a) Panchtantra is collection of tales and fables.
- (b) The stories in Panchtantra believed to have
- (c) been written by Vishnu Sharma in as early third
- (d) century B.C. A king ancient India requested
- (e) Vishnu Sharma teach his son morals and values.

6. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank number.

(1x4=4 Marks)

- Mother : What are you doing in the kitchen?
Reena : I am busy helping Ramya.
Mother : What work does Ramya have there?
Reena : She is eating the jalebis that you made for the guests.

Mother was waiting for the guests. Suddenly she heard a noise in the kitchen. She called out to her daughter Reena and asked her (a) _____. Reena put her head out of the door and said that (b) _____. Mother wondered (c) _____. Reena then replied that (d) _____.

7. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below.

(1x4=4 Marks)

A strong desire to travel beyond the blue, to fly (a) _____ the heavens and touch the stars was what Kalpana dreamt (b) _____. Determined to the core, she finally (c) _____ in making her vision (d) _____ reality. For this first India-born astronaut, (e) _____ castles in the air had their foundation firmly embedded in reality.

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| a. (i) in | (ii) into | (iii) on | (iv) above |
| b. (i) about | (ii) in | (iii) for | (iv) of |
| c. (i) succeed | (ii) succeeds | (iii) succeeded | (iv) succeeding |
| d. (i) a | (ii) the | (iii) that | (iv) an |
| e. (i) their | (ii) her | (iii) his | (iv) your |

Section C – Literature & Extended Reading (30 Marks)

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions.

(1x4=4 Marks)

“And truly I was afraid, I was most afraid, But even so, honoured still more
That he should seek my hospitability
From out the dark door of the secret earth.”

- a. Who was the speaker afraid of? Why?
- b. What do we come to know about the speaker’s character from these lines?
- c. What told him that he was afraid?
- d. Why did he feel honoured?

OR

“I am going back to my grandmother. My lawyer will communicate with you later.”

- a. Who speaks this and to whom?
- b. Why is she going back to her grandmother?
- c. What effect do these words have on the listener?
- d. What does the word ‘communicate’ mean in this context?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2x4=8 Marks)

- a. What is the irony in the statement of the frog when he says, “your song must be your own”?
- b. Why did the sailors hail the albatross in the name of God?
- c. Why did the poet feel that he had done a wrong thing by trying to kill the snake?
- d. How do we know that Patol Babu was a meticulous man?
- e. What was Michael’s theory about how Sebastian had entered the game?

10. Answer the following question in 100-120 words. (8 Marks)

Describe how Shelley brings out the futility of power and riches through the poem ‘Ozymandias’.

OR

Describe the dreams that scared Calpurnia.

11. Answer the following question in 150-200 words. (10 Marks)

What impression do you form of Anne’s father, Otto Frank, from the entries in Anne’s diary?

OR

Write a character sketch of Peter Van Daan.